



## **Italian Catholic Federation - Guardian Angels Branch 449**

9310 Dalehurst Rd. Santee, CA 92071

2026 ICF Scholarship Committee: Debbie Reid • Email: [dreid10@cox.net](mailto:dreid10@cox.net)

## **2026 Guardian Angels ICF Branch #449 Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000**

The Italian Catholic Federation is a National Roman Catholic Fraternal Organization composed primarily of persons of Italian ancestry who are of the Roman Catholic Faith. However, membership in ICF is available to all Catholics regardless of Italian ancestry. There are many members who are not of Italian ethnicity or descent but who share the ideals of the ICF and respect the heritage of its founders.

One of the many programs of ICF Guardian Angels Branch 449, is to award two (2) \$1,000 scholarships to further the education of students who achieve a total cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (3 1/2 years) and are Roman Catholic and are active in their parish and live within the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego. All applications received by the **March 31, 2026**, deadline will be evaluated by the ICF Branch 449 Scholarship Committee and then two (2) recipients will be chosen from all the applications received. The scholarship is available to candidates attending 4-year university, junior college or trade school.

The minimum GPA requirement to apply for this scholarship is: Total cumulative GPA (3.5 yrs.) of at least a 3.0. (Copy of unofficial transcript required)

**Application Opens: February 15, 2026**

**Application Closes: March 31, 2026 - 5:00 PM\*** (\*Emailed to the address below)

The applicant's completed packet should be emailed in a legible digital format (ie: PDF, JPEG, Etc.) to Debbie Reid, ICF Branch 449, no later than March 31, 2026.

Email to: [Dreid10@cox.net](mailto:Dreid10@cox.net). Place in subject-line, Attn: **ICF 2026 Scholarship Committee**.

The following circumstances will disqualify the application:

- Packets submitted but lack required documents or signatures
- Packets submitted but contain documents that are illegible
- Packets that cannot be viewed in a digital format

All applications become the property of the ICF Branch 449 Scholarship Committee, and all information submitted remains confidential. Scholarship recipients will be notified in May of 2026.

**Please note:** The National ICF also offers 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year scholarships for students. For additional information on the ICF National Scholarships please visit: [ICF.org](http://ICF.org).



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### 2026 GUARDIAN ANGELS ICF BRANCH #449 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby apply for an ICF Branch 449 Scholarship and certify that I understand and meet the requirements and will enroll in the first Fall Term following High School graduation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

The University/College/Trade School I plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

(If a final decision has not been made, please list at least 3 schools that you are considering.)

(If attending a trade school or junior college, please show proof of your application or admission start date.)

City and State of University/College/Trade School: \_\_\_\_\_

The Course of Study/Profession I plan to pursue: \_\_\_\_\_

I fully understand the deadline for this application is **March 31, 2026**, and the contents of this application are confidential. Recipients awarded this scholarship agree it will be payable upon proof of full-time enrollment in the first Fall Term following High School graduation.

#### The required documents for this scholarship are:

- Completed Scholarship Application for Guardian Angels ICF Branch 449 with signature(s)
- High school transcript of scholastic record. (Gr. 9 to 1st Quarter. or Semester of Gr. 12)
- A letter from priest or parish secretary (on parish letterhead) confirming you are a practicing Roman Catholic in the Diocese of San Diego
- Recommendation Letter from a high school Counselor or Teacher
- Copy of admittance letter or enrollment confirmation
- Essay: 250-500 word typed essay based on the following question: *“Describe how faith shaped your worldview, helped you overcome a challenge, or “sparked” a new understanding of yourself or personal growth.”*
- List and describe your Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, Volunteer Work, Service Hours, Employment  
*This is your opportunity to shine and explain in detail your participation in extracurricular activities, clubs, \_ volunteer work and any service hours earned*
- Copy of admittance or enrollment is required to receive the check.

How did you hear about this ICF Scholarship? (check all that apply)

ICF Member  Online  Church Bulletin  Other  \_\_\_\_\_



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### 2026 GUARDIAN ANGELS ICF BRANCH #449 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CONT'D

List Extracurricular/Charitable/Volunteer Work/Service Hours in which you've been involved in:  
Please attach detailed descriptions of your Extracurricular/Charitable/Volunteer Work/Service Hours to your application packet. This is your opportunity to shine and elaborate on these activities.

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#### Applicant's Work Information

Are you presently employed? Yes  No  If yes, name of employer: \_\_\_\_\_

What are some of your job responsibilities? (list below) How many hours per week do you work? \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 250-500 Word Typed Essay — Prompt/Instructions

Describe how faith shaped your worldview, helped you overcome a challenge, or “sparked” a new understanding of yourself or personal growth. Please attach separately.

**We certify that the information submitted herewith is true to the best of our knowledge and that**

\_\_\_\_\_ **is a Roman Catholic. Registered Parish:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Insert Student's Name)

For ICF Branch 449 Use Only

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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